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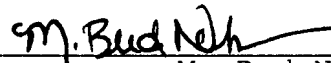
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4. Bruchez Jr. et al., 1998, *Science*, 281:2013-2015; and U.S. Patent No. 5,990,479. These publications describes semiconductor nanocrystals having a core, a shell, and a third layer comprising silica, silane, or glass derivative as a linking agent.

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